

The Popular Frencher.

It was a worthy pastor,
Who saw, with grief and care,
His congregation go to sleep,
Or—when he was—elsewhere.
He pondered long and deeply,
This wise and pious man,
And at last hit on a simple
And most effective plan.
Next Sunday, of his sermon
The text when he had said,
He told them of the people
That were great to hear,
By thousands flocked the people
That preacher great to hear,
And the trustees raised his salary
To fifty thousand a year.

Cure for Pox.

Take a heaping teaspoonful of common salt and as much ground mustard: stir in a cup of warm water and drink quickly. This preparation will hardly reach the stomach before it returns, bringing with it the cause of the trouble. Let any remnant of the poison remain, let the white of an egg or a teaspoon of strong coffee be swallowed as soon as the stomach is quiet, because these very common articles nullify a larger number of virulent poisons than almost any medicine.

Plaster of Paris, mixed to a thin paste with gum arabic water, is excellent for mending broken glass, china or parian ware, but must be used immediately, as it soon hardens. It is best to mix only about enough at a time to mend one piece. Five parts gelatine to one of acid chromate of lime put on broken edges with a camel's hair brush, and the edges pressed firmly together for a few minutes, and then exposed to the sun, will make a cement that cannot be dissolved or broken any more readily than an unbroken piece.

Stale bread can be made very palatable prepared in the following manner: Make a batter of a pint of sweet milk and two eggs beaten together, dip into this the pieces of bread until thoroughly soaked (but be careful not to break them) have ready some butter browned on a spider or griddle, and fry the bread to a nice light brown; to be eaten hot with boiled milk and powdered sugar; a little ground cinnamon sprinkled lightly on with the sugar improves the taste. This makes a nice breakfast dish and can be eaten for a dessert with soft or hard sauce instead of the boiled milk.

A Texas paper gives the following estimate of the cattle trade in the State:

"Without taking into account the exports by other means, the following is the estimate of the number annually driven to Kansas and other States and Territories during each of the last ten years: 1863, 350,000; 1870, 300,000; 1871, 600,000; 1872, 350,000; 1873, 405,000; 1874, 166,000; 1876, 121,618; 1876; 321,999; 1877, 201,159; 1878, 228,738. These figures foot up more than 3,000,000 head, while many thousands have been shipped by sea and rail.

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Spurgeon, the great London preacher, is suffering from gout brought on by excessive drinking. On one occasion, stopping at a friends house for dinner, supper and breakfast, next morning, he consumed four quart bottles of beer, a pint of brandy and a pint of Sherry wine. This is vouched for by Neil Dow.

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